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SUMMARY: REPRESENTATIVES OF THE THREE ANGOLAN LIBERATION
MOVEMENTS ARE SEEKING THEIR LEADERS' APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT THEY
REPORTEDLY REACHED IN KAMPALA. FNLA AND UNITA REPRESENTATIVES
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REITERATE THREAT OF UDI IN EVENT OF UDI BY MPLA. MARIO

DE ANDRADE AND PORTUGUESE COMMUNIST PARTY REAFFIRM SUPPORT FOR MPLA. MPLA ACCUSES SOUTH AFRICA OF BOMBING BENGUELA AND LOBITO, AND SETS UP ANTI-AIRCRAFT DEFENSES AROUND LUANDA. END SUMMARY.

1. LIBERATION MOVEMENT ACCORD: LISON RADIO BROADCAST AFTERNOON NOV 7 REPORTED THAT REPRESENTATIVES OF THREE ANGOLAN MOVEMENTS (LOPO DO NASCIMENTO FOR MPLA, HENDRIK VAAL NETO FOR FNLA, JOSE N'DELE FOR UNITA) HAVE NEGOTIATED AN AGREEMENT IN KAMPALA AND ARE NOW RETURNING HOME TO OBTAIN APPROVAL OF THE AGREEMENT FROM THEIR RESPECTIVE LEADERS. AGREEMENT REPORTEDLY PROVIDES FOR A CEASEFIRE (NO EFFECTIVE DATE WAS REPORTED), A GOVERNMENT OF NATIONAL UNITY; AND DEMILITARIZATION OF LUANDA.

2. FNLA/UNITA UDI: EMBASSY NOTED KAMPALA REPORT OF AMIN'S MEETING WITH FNLA AND UNITA DELEGATES, IN WHICH LATTER WERE REPORTED TO HAVE "STRESSED" THAT A UNILATERAL MPLA DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE WOULD BE FOLLOWED BY A SIMILAR JOINT FNLA/UNITA DECLARATION. AMIN ALSO REPORTEDLY PROMISED TO VISIT THE AREAS UNDER CONTROL OF THE THREE MOVEMENTS (DATE APPARENTLY NOT YET SET).

3. VITOR CRESPO RETURN: COOPERATION MINISTER ADM VITOR CRESPO ARRIVED IN LISBON 1:30 PM (LOCAL TIME) FROM THE KAMPLA MEETING.

4. ANDRADE BACKS MPLA: MPLA DISSIDENT LEADER MARIO DE ANDRADE, PASSIGN THROUGH LISBON, ISSUED STATEMENT CARRIED IN NOV 7 PRESS, EXPRESSING FULL SUPPORT FOR MPLA AS SOLE LEGITIMATE REPRESENTATIVE OF ANGOLA AND BLASTING FNLA AND UNITA AS INSTRUMENTS OF IMPERIALISM.

5. SOUTH AFRICAN BOMBING: NOV 7 COMMUNIST-LINING LISBON PRESS CARRIED MPLA CLAIM THAT SOUTH AFRICAN AIR FORCE BOMBED LOBITE AND BENGUELA NOV 4 AND 5, KILLING MANY CIVILIANS. ALSO CARRIED WAS DISMISSAL OF THIS CLAIM BY A SOUTH AFRICA "SPOKESMAN IN PRETORIA AS JUST A "RUMOR" CIRCULATING IN ANGOLA."

6. MPLA ANTI-AIRCRAFT DEFENSES: NOV 7 "O SEculo" REPORTED THAT LUANDA AIRPORT WILL BE CLOSED FROM NOV 9 TO 12 AND THAT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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MPLA CURRENTLY SETTING UP ANTI-AIRCRAFT WEAPONS AROUND AIRPORT BECAUSE OF THREAT OF AIR ATTACK. ARTICLE ALSO STATED THAT MPLA HAS CALLED A GENERAL ALERT, WITH TROOPS CONFINED TO QUARTERS. SAME DAY "DIARIO DE NOTICIAS" REPORTED THAT LIGHT PLANE OVERFLEW LUANDA NOV 6 DROPPING FNLA LEAFLETS. BOTH PAPERS CARRY CONTINUING MPLA DENIALS OF HAVING LOST BENGUELA AND LOBITO.

7. PCP SUPPORT OF MPLA: THE PORTUGUSE COMMUNIST-PARTY (PCP)

FORMALLY REITERATED ON NOV 6 ITS LONG-STANDING SUPPORT FOR THE MPLA. (REF B) THE PCP CALLED ON THE GOP "TO ADOPT A CLEAR POSITION OF RECOGNIZING THE MPLA AS THE SOLE LEGITIMATE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ANGOLAN PEOPLE." IT ALSO WARNED THAT "ANY HESITATION BY THE PORTUGUESE GOVERNMENT IN RECOGNIZING REALITY SERIOUSLY COMPROMISES NOT ONLY THE IMMEDIATE INTERESTS OF THE ANGOLAN PEOPLE BUT ALSO COMPROMISES FUTURE PORTUGUESE-ANGOLAN RELATIONS."

8. COMMENT: FROM LISBON PERSPECTIVE, ANDRADE'S COMMENTS HERE WOULD SEEM TO PROVIDE FURTHER INDICATION THAT, HOWEVER SERIOUS THE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN HIS "ACTIVE REVOLT" FACTION AND NETO'S LEADERSHIP, ANDRADE REMAINS COMMITTED TO THE MPLA AS AN ORGANIZATION.
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